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LETTER FROM W. E. BARRON

U. S. Meteorologist Gives Outlook for
Future High Water.

When the water reached its crest here on the first rise some five weeks ago, the gauges in different sections showed less water than in 1913, yet the water reached a higher stage here under those conditions. Colonel C. L. Walker took the matter up by phone with William E. Barron, meteorologist, of Cairo, and Mr. Barron requested that he give him figures on this, as were reached in this section and at Mengelwood. Mr. Walker did this and is in receipt of the following letter and information from Mr. Barron:

Dear Sir: Referring to your letter of April 6, reply to which has been deferred, as explained to you over telephone, until I could give it the attention it deserved.

It is very interesting to learn that you had 0.5 foot more water at Hickman in March, 1922, than you had in April, 1913, and that at Mengelwood and Hales Point, Tenn., there was less water than in 1913.

The levees of the St. John Levee and Drainage district of Missouri have been extended about twelve miles since 1913, of which ten miles has been done since 1916, partially shutting off a large back water section in New Madrid county, Mo., and it is understood that it is the intention to extend these levees so that there will only be a half-mile gap as the outlet of St. John Bayou.

Comparative crest stages at the gauges from Cairo to Memphis, and for several points above Cairo, for the floods of 1913, 1916 and 1922 are given below:

	1913	1916	1922
Cincinnati	69.8	53.2	51.3
Evansville	48.4	43.6	42.9
Shawneetown	59.5	47.4	47.6
Johnsonville	33.3	30.5	30.4
Paducah	54.3	45.0	48.8
St. Louis	25.8	31.5	24.2
Cairo	54.75	53.4	53.6
Columbus, Ky.	49.3	—	48.9
New Madrid	44.6	41.9	41.6
Cottowood Point	42.3	—	38.5
Fulton, Tenn.	44.07	—	39.1
Memphis	46.5	43.5	42.6

In 1913 the gauge at Memphis was relieved by crevasses near Wilson and Graves Bayou, Ark., and began falling three or four days before the crest was due.

With these figures and others that I have before me, I can come to no other conclusion than that the flood plane from Cairo to Hickman has been raised three to four feet from Cairo to Hickman by reason of the levee extensions, and that further extensions will raise the plane still more.

Respectfully,
William E. Barron,
Meteorologist.

So Mr. Barron has concluded that due to the extension of the levee in Missouri opposite us that the flood plane from Cairo to Hickman has been raised three to four feet. In other words if there had been as much water pass Cairo in 1922 as there was in 1913, Hickman would have had from 3 to 4 feet more water than we had in 1913, and when the levee has been finally completed on the opposite side of the river, it will raise the plane of water still more. Four feet more water would about top our levees.

It will be noted from the stages given by Mr. Barron that up on the Ohio during 1913 the stages were from 5 to 17 feet higher on the gauges in 1913 than in 1922, and then after it passed the levees below here the gauges show 3 to 5 ft. less water, which is conclusive proof that nothing like as much water passed Cairo in 1922 as did in 1913. Yet we had more water.

WATER NOW PUMPED OUT OF WEST HICKMAN

The past week the Kentucky Light & Power Co., assisted by the city, installed a pump near the sewer in West Hickman levee, just below the N-C. water tank, and started pumping the water out of that section of the city, with the result that there is almost no water left in that section. Within another week or two the ground there will be dried out. Water had been standing there for the past six weeks, and to a disagreeable depth. The huge Mengel pump has been in constant operation since the sewers were closed, pumping out the heavy rains of the many weeks past. At a few times the water got so far ahead of the pump, but without the pump the entire lower part of West Hickman would have been flooded from the rain water, as well as the entire Mengel property. The pump took out 3,000 gallons a minute. The water just west of the N-C. tank could not be taken care of by the Mengel pump, hence the second pump. The city sewer will be opened this week.

E. Dobson, who some two years ago bought the old Hubbard home downtown, is making extensive repairs on this dwelling and will move there as soon as all repairs have been made. They have put in French doors between the rooms, have done the walls over, scraped and refinished the floors, also screening in part of the front porch, and when completed will have quite a modern home. Mr. Dobson last year tore away the old brick kitchen in the rear, adding more room both upstairs and downstairs, making the house into two apartments and he will occupy the first floor apartment.

The Rev. E. A. Tucker is in Hot Springs, Ark., attending the general conference of the M. E. Church, South.



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PAGEANT HOLDS CENTER OF STAGE

"America, Yesterday and Today" Marks
Finale of Commencement Festivities.

As the closing attraction for commencement week the Parent-Teachers Association will present the school children of Hickman in a pageant tomorrow night at eight o'clock, entitled "America, Yesterday and Today." Miss Hazel Torlander, of Franklin, Tenn., has been here for several weeks directing the school children. The pageant will be given in the large open air auditorium on the Libray Hill, and a capacity crowd, it is expected, will be present. The program follows:

Episode I.—The Spirit of Indian Days.

The Spirit of Indian Days speaks. Indian men, women and children are gathering for the Corn Dance.

Arrival of another tribe.

Laying of the Peace Pipe.

Exit of Indian tribes led by the Spirit of Indian Days.

Episode II.—The Spirit of the Wilderness.

The Spirit of the Wilderness speaks. The Daisies, the Wild Roses, the Poppies, the Butterflies, the Brownies, the Grasshoppers, the Bluebirds, the Pioneer Group, the Trees, the Tree Nymphs, the Mist Maidens, the Fairies. (The Pioneers overcome the forests.)

Episode III.—The Spirit of Patriotism.

The Spirit of Patriotism speaks.

The Spirit of State—The Grown

Town Interests

The Little Town Spirit—Christianity

The Little Town Interests—Education

Rural—Community Spirit

Town—Music

School—Drama

Church—

The Grown Town Spirit—

Health and Welfare

Woman's Club

Law Enforcement League

United Charities

The Spirit of Yesterday (U. C. V.)

The Spirit of Today (Soldiers and Sailors.)

The Spirit of New America.

The Folk Groups who pledge allegiance to our flag:

French, English, Dutch, Swedish, Scotch, Russian.

Recessional—"America."

MRS. MCMURRY DIED TUESDAY

Interment Yesterday in Family Burial
Grounds at Mount Zion

Mrs. Amanda J. McMurry, one of the oldest ladies in this section, died Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Montgomery, death being the result of the infirmities incident to old age. Mrs. McMurry, who had reached the age of 85 years, was the last to survive of a family of twelve children. She had been in declining health for the past three years or more, and for several months had been an invalid.

The deceased was born in McNairy county, Tenn. Early in life she moved with the family to Obion county, Tenn., living near Troy until her marriage to Joff G. McMurry, December 13, 1866, when they removed to this county. She spent most of her life in this county in what is known as the McMurry neighborhood, coming to Hickman to live with her daughter a few years ago on account of her declining health. Her husband, who preceded her to his reward several years ago, was one of the pioneer citizens of the county, a man held in the highest regard by every one and a forerunner of one of the most prominent and influential families in Fulton county. He served throughout the Civil war on the side of the Confederacy.

Mrs. McMurry had lived an active life, and her family, all prominent citizens, stand as a monument to her life. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Montgomery, she is survived by four sons, Thomas H., Charles G., Arch E., all prosperous and prominent planters, and Judge W. J. McMurry, an attorney of this city and one of its most highly respected citizens. Another daughter, Miss Dora McMurry, died in 1902.

The funeral was conducted yesterday morning with a short service at nine o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Montgomery, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Banks, followed by the funeral service at Mount Zion church at eleven o'clock, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Evans, pastor of the church. The burial was had at the family burying grounds at Mount Zion cemetery, near Union City.

DECORATION DAY PROGRAM AT ANTIOCH CEMETERY

10:30—Song.

10:35—Devotional Service, conducted by President.

—Song.

—Address by Dr. F. M. McRee.

—Song.

11:30—Decoration. NOON

1:25—Song.

1:30—Report of Committee.

1:35—Reading of Minutes.

—Song.

2:00—Election of Officers.

3:00—Song.

—Financial Report.

—Song.

3:30—Address by Rev. Banks.

—Song.

—Round Table Talk.

Mrs. Vallie Marshall has accepted a position as clerk with S. M. Naffeh.